

she seemed tired of iron
and that sort of things, and
this always does me good.
I asked Pupu if he had any
message for you on the
political situation. He
said he would like to if he had
time to think about it but
he did not want to send you
any message unless he
could get the best of your
some news. I think he is
very well satisfied about the
appointment of a committee
to settle the matter, and I
am sure it will be a great
relief to have it off ones mind.
I suppose you will have
a pretty heavy bill at the
dentists will you not?

We are quite overwhelmed
with reading matter now
what with Scribner, Atlantic
all the papers etc. Be good
to yourself darling. Abner

Wednesday eve

Dear Billie

Yours letter rec, Sorry
your household arrangements
do not go on smoothly. I do
think I am highly favored
in the matter of Chimm.
Our gardening operations
came to a pause in consequence
of the rain. Very willing we
were to pause for that knowing
that in the end we should
gain. We have had a good rain
and orders come in thick and
fast. Had me as good a stock
as last year could do a fine
winters business, but Pupu
begins to grow over the
orders, because he has not all
the trees to fill them.

I had a letter from Aunt
Jennie today. She says Miss
Tichenor is very sick, has
paralysis of one side, cannot
see out of one side or use
the hand or arm on that
side. Is in very critical
condition. Letters from
Joe and Charlie tell about
the usual story. C. says school
no manner of trouble etc etc.
Guess he gets the blues once in
awhile over the fact that he had
to work so long to pay up the
loss on his farming. I am sure
I am sorry for him. Ask Miss
Sill if she would like a Santana,
also if the little clematis that
Annie took down, lived?
I wonder if she would like
some Begonias. I have
two or three kinds. You
know they do not do well

out doors except in the
summer. Can you get
your letters at Berkeley yet?
If the circulating library is
increased, you will have
more to do, will you not. By
the way I have no particular
admiration for Gene Stratton.
Did not know her very well. Think
she was of Yankee birth, but after
becoming intimate with the
Puges and Bucars who were St. Louis
(Missouri) perhaps she was ashamed
of the Yankee, or perhaps the
Yankee was not sarcastic. Who
knows? Annie seems to me brighter
since the rains. Did she tell
you that Papa prepares her
a dose of his bitters every
morning? and that she meekly
takes it? Perhaps it will do
her good at any rate I felt that
she needed some tonic and